

was found that the allegations made in the memorandum was not based on facts.

[English]

### **Assistance to Ram Krishna Mission**

4010. SHRI SIMON MARANDI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide enough grants and financial assistance to Ram Krishna Mission Training Centre and other social organisations to ensure that typists, stenographers, stitching, embroidery, knitting, artisanship and other local programmes are encouraged and these people are group above the poverty line to improve their life-style:

(b) if so, the details of grants and financial assistance provided in this regard since January, 1991 till date and the number of beneficiaries thereof; and

(c) whether the Government have evaluated the work undertaken in this regard under 20 point programmes and if so, the frequency of evaluation of these programmes and the details of the outcome of such evaluations made in Bihar so far?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Ministry of Welfare provides grant-in-aid to voluntary organisations, including Rama Krishna Mission Ashrams, for taking up welfare and self employment oriented training programmes for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

(b) Rs. 84,46,996.00 has been provided to various organisations as financial assistance since January, 1991 till date. The number of beneficiaries is 15,354.

(c) Under the 20 Point Programmes the evaluation of schemes being implemented by the Government is undertaken.

### **Militants in Punjab**

4011. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of militants who are officially reported to have been killed by the security forces in Punjab between 1st April, 1990 and 31st March, 1991;

(b) the number of those who were identified;

(c) the number of those whose dead bodies were handed over to the next-of-kin;

(d) the estimated number of militants still at large in the State;

(e) whether the Government of Punjab have received representations from voluntary organisations to the effect that a large number of such persons were not killed in encounter but in police custody; and

(f) whether these allegations have been enquired into and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). According to information available 943 terrorists had been killed in encounters with the security forces during the relevant period. Most of those killed had been identified and their dead bodies handed over to their next of kins who claimed them. However, exact figures in this regard are not readily available.

(d) The extremists in Punjab continue to recruit new cadres to replace the losses and as such it is not possible to give any estimates in this regard.

(e) and (f). Information is being col-